

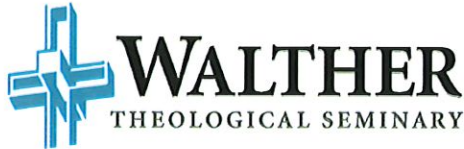


# Pilgrim's Progress Keeping in Touch Issue 35

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**Patti's office is open: Mon-Thurs 7 a.m. to Noon  
 and 1 to 4 p.m. and Friday 7 a.m. to Noon.**

**Reservations are accepted 8:00 a.m. Mondays  
 through 2 p.m. Thursdays each week. You may  
 call me (Patti) at 877-2444 OR email me at  
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**HELP MAKE MORE PEWS AVAILABLE . . .**

**Families...**if all family members are agreeable ask for a seat for parents and children, grandparents, etc.

**Singles and Couples...**if other members are agreeable make one reservation for your group.

**When you make** a reservation I need to know how many people are sitting together and the names.

**I cannot guarantee a particular pew.** The pews are set up for various numbers of people and I need to stick with that guideline.

Thank you for your cooperation. —Patti Newlin

**COMING UP**

Fridays: 8 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. sanctuary reserved  
 12/16 4:30-6:00 Gr 7 & 8 Confirmation Classes  
 5:00-6:00 Gr 1-6  
 12/20 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00 Worship  
 9:15-9:50 Sunday School  
 9:15-9:50 Adult Bible Study  
 11:15-11:50 Adult Bible Study  
 12/21 6:30 Council Meeting  
 .....God willing.....

**OUR RESPONSE TO CALVARY 12/11**

General: 31,223.00  
 Poinsettia: 452  
 Angel Tree: 1,070.00  
 ULMA: 40  
 Memorials Dale Workman: 75  
 Memorial Bill Dondeville: 25  
 Walther Theological Seminary: 100  
 Christian Sharing: 225  
 Office Expense: 11  
 Purchase of Booklets: 16  
 Postage: 20  
 Miscellaneous: 507.63  
 Loose: 25  
 Total: 33,790.63





### 2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Many members are not coming to church due to Covid.

I need to get 2021 offering envelopes to our members.

I am trying to lessen the time and the expense of postage that will result from mailing the envelopes.

1. **Those of you who are attending in-church services** will see your offering envelopes the table in the narthex OR in your designated pew. They are spaced so you can pick up your box without touching the other boxes.

2. **All the offering boxes of members who are not attending in-church services, are in my office. I am asking that** when you are out for an appointment or picking up meds or groceries, etc. please stop by the church and collect your offering box. If you don't want to come inside just give me a call (877-2444) and I will leave your offering envelopes in the outside mail box for you.

3. I realize some people may not be able to come to Pilgrim. Any offering boxes left at the end of December, I will begin mailing out.

**MITE OFFERINGS for DECEMBER** go to the **New Life Pregnancy Center**. Pilgrim members, women AND men are encouraged to use a mite offering box to collect their coins. Return your mite box to the church office at your convenience. Thank-you.

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

- 12.13 Jeff Cotner; Steve Goebel; Harvey Thompson  
W Bryant & Martha Bomball 61 yrs
- 12.14 Razjada Brown; Marsha Crowe  
W Phil & Marge Beach 63 yrs  
W Mark & Carla Luka 24 yrs
- 12.15 Marvin Rau
- 12.19 Suzie Beltz
- 12.20 Greg Whisnant
- 12.22 Jennifer Gensler; Joe Wisner
- 12.24 Mike Claypool; David Pangrac; Donna Phillips  
W Wayne & Barbara Buesking 66 yrs
- 12.26 Gloria Parton

- 12.28 W Jim & Carrie Snow 24 yrs
- 12.29 Ilene Henrichsmeyer  
W Greg & Lesa Mills 36 yrs
- 12.30 Mark Thompson; Ted Workman
- 12.31 Carol Allen; Mike Bunch; Sarah Farrar; Ashley Lofland; Marilyn Mills



### 2020 ANGEL TREE

Keeping in mind the precautions we are taking this year ... the Angel Tree was not set up in our narthex as in the past.

However, we still have an opportunity during this

Advent season to respond to God's gift ... His Son ... by giving a gift of love for those in our Faith Family who need our help and support.

If you wish to participate, it's as easy as 1-2-3.

- 1. If giving cash use one of your offering envelopes or a plain envelope, put your gift inside and write your name on the envelope and also label it "Angel Tree."
- 2. If writing a check make it out to "Pilgrim Lutheran Church" and put "Angel Tree" in the memo portion.
- 3. Place your Angel Tree donation in the basket on one of the offering boxes or mail your check to the church.

Thank you for your gift in response to our love for our Savior and our Pilgrim members in need.

### A BIG THANKS

I'd like to thank all my fellow trustees who gave of their time this past season making the Lord's property look its very best. Also, my thanks go out to Don and Jo-Anne Mast who kept up the front planter with the beautiful flowers. My thanks to the congregation for their support making sure we have good equipment to keep the grounds looking good.

—Blessings to all,  
Larry Wolf



Our tradition at Pilgrim is to adorn the Lord's house at Christmas with poinsettia plants. If you wish to be a part of this floral tribute to the Lord fill in the information below and hand to an usher as you leave...or call the church office.

**Our cost is \$25.00 ... OR just give what you can.**

**DEADLINE** to order is December 15.

**My (our) name is:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I (we) will contribute \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **toward the poinsettia plants.**

\_\_\_ My (our) contribution is **to the glory of God.**

\_\_\_ My (our) contribution is **in memory of:**

**Please list "in memory" names clearly.**

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**Return this order form to the church office  
no later than December 15.**

The plants will remain in the sanctuary from the 4th Sunday in Advent through the 1st Sunday in January. We will let you know when the plants may be taken on a "first-come first-served" basis.

**After the plants have been provided for, remaining contributions will go to our Christian Sharing Fund to assist those in our Faith Family who are in need.**



# Christmas

## WORD SEARCH

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CAROLERS  
CHRISTMAS TREE  
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ELVES

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GARLAND  
GINGERBREAD  
HOLIDAY  
JOLLY  
SANTA  
MISTLETOE

NORTH POLE  
ORNAMENTS  
PRESENTS  
REINDEER  
SNOWMAN  
WREATH  
WRAPPING PAPER

